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**STATE NEUROTRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**June 23, 2006**

**Present:** Robin Argue, Joyce Arizumi, Lyna Burian, Elzy Kaina, Greg Keast, Ian Mattoch, John Noland, Scott Sagum, Karen Seth, Lori Suan, Curtis Tom, Stella Wong

**Absent:** Angie Enoka, Glenn Morgan, Dr. Peter Rossi, Milton Takara (excused)

**Others:** Philip Crowe (PBRRTC), Hal Kahikina (STBIAB), Rita Manriquez (STBIAB), Laura Rosas (PBRRTC);

**DoH Staff:** Aaron Arakaki, Curtis Inouye, Ken Fukuhara, Lester Matsumoto

- I. Call To Order  
Meeting called to order by Chair Lori Suan at 1:40 pm. Quorum present.
- II. Approval Of Minutes  
Minutes to the February 23, 2006 approved without changes. No changes to the April 28, 2006 minutes where there was no quorum.
- III. Review Of Agenda  
No change to the agenda.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Confirmation of Membership, Select and Confirm Vice-Chair and Secretary  
Curtis is willing to continue as a member for now. John Tomoso, aging representative from Maui has tendered his resignation. Stella knows of a possible replacement from the County Office on Hawaii and will be meeting with him in July. She will inform staff of his interest. Other suggestions for possible members are Karin Carlson from Centre for Neuro Skills on Maui; Glenn Yamate; TBI survivor, Marlene Young, attorney and TBI survivor also from Maui. A spinal cord injury survivor is also needed and Lyna said she knew of someone.

Karen was asked if she was willing to serve as the Vice-Chair. She said she would have to think about it and give us an answer at a later date.

Glenn M. is currently the Secretary and he will be asked if he wants to continue.

B. Review of Priorities and Subcommittee Assignment

Handout of the Priorities for 2006 passed out and members asked to sign up for the area they would like to be involved in.

Priority #1 – Registry Development

Elzy, Lori

Priority #2 – Marketing Neurotrauma

Ian, Joyce

Priority #3 – Legislative Advocacy

Lyna, Scotty, Greg, John

Priority #4 – Special Fund

Stella

Priority #5 – Neurotrauma Advisory Board

V. Old Business

A. Neurotrauma Conference Review

Curtis reported that there were about 130 attendees. The keynote speakers were especially effective and moving. There were favorable comments about the topics, speakers and the exhibits. REHAB has received calls about the Arts Program. Ian said one of his staff thought it was one of the best organized conferences he has been to. Thanks go to the Planning Committee on as job well done.

B. State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board Update

Elzy reported that the Board is working on a needs assessment of the types of services available in the community. It also devised a list of prioritized services for the TBI waiver. Legislation updated included the passing of SB2727 (use of the Special Fund for direct services and applying for a TBI waiver) and HB1899 (requiring the use of a helmet for minors on mopeds).

C. Community-Based Rehabilitation Update

Tanya Schwartz, neuro-psychologist at REHAB is now the lead of this project. In the rewritten proposal it does not include anything about a registry or case management. Copies of the Proposal made available to members. She would be doing a presentation to the STBIAB in their meeting on 7/21/06 and members are welcome to attend.

D. Department of Health Update

1. Regarding SB2727 staff is working on the waiver component developing a menu of services, eligibility criteria, etc. Dave Fray, DDD chief, has consulted with the NASHIA (National Association of State Head Injury Administrators) office on a TBI waiver. Staff is networking with and researching other States on their waiver.
2. As mentioned earlier, the Community-Based Rehabilitation Project is no longer under Dr. Rossi. The new proposal involves persons with mild to moderate TBI. Staff to work on the contract.
3. Balance of the Special Fund has been showing a steady increase of about \$50-60,000 a month.
4. Regarding another NT Conference, it's up to both Board members and others to put it on.
5. Mike Tamanaha is retiring.
6. Helpline update – April 14 calls, May 18, June 21.
7. Falls Consortium – a group comprised of private and public sectors targeting falls prevention. It is part of the Hawaii Injury Prevention Plan. The Consortium has divided up into 3 work groups to work on 1) public awareness; 2) falls prevention with resource book; and 3) educating professionals through a screening kit for pharmacists and physicians. A Falls Prevention Conference is being planned for October 2007. And a Falls Consortium Meeting will be held on July 6 at the VCCs and is open to interested members.

E. Traumatic Brain Injury Grant Update

Laura reported that the Evaluation Report for the TBI Implementation Grant will be finalized next week. A CD version or hard copy will be e-mailed to NT for dissemination. The HMSA Grant for training on TBI awareness to service providers goes through the end of July. The DVD on TBI and Person-Centered Planning with links and resources was seen to be helpful and thought provoking. There will be two screenings at REHAB. Queen's can show it on its in-hospital closed circuit TV network per Karen and at REHAB.

VI. Announcements

1. BIA Educational Meeting on July 12, 2006 at 7:00 pm at REHAB Hospital, Woo Conference Room #4, on different forms of cognitive rehabilitation. Speakers include Ann Palozzi, Amanda Armstrong, Emi Isaki and Richard Kappenberg.
2. BIA Support Group Meeting on July 19, 2006 at 6:30 pm at REHAB Hospital, Woo Conference Room #4, to screen the DVD.
3. Section 8 to open for new applications on July 3. Copies of the Public Notice passed out to members. People high risk for homelessness may be bumped up the waiting list. Those eligible for low income housing are those residing in shelters.

4. There will be training sessions on TBI awareness to service providers, survivors and family members. A pilot session has been scheduled for July 7 on “Effective Communication.”

VII. Next Meeting  
Friday, August 25, 2006

Recorded by: Lester Matsumoto